



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: April 22, 2003

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation and Public Works Committee

Referral to: None

Subject: Hiawatha Light Rail Transit – Proposed Realignment in Bloomington

Recommendation: Receive and File

Previous Directives:

Resolution 99R-336 (September 24, 1999) Approving Preliminary Design Plans for the Hiawatha Light Rail Transit Corridor.

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Approved: Klara Fabry, City Engineer, Director of Public Works

By: Heidi Hamilton, Engineer III

Presenters in Committee: Ed Hunter, Director, Hiawatha Project Office

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- ☒ No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- ☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- ☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- ☐ Other financial impact (Explain):
- ☐ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information

The Hiawatha Project Office is pursuing a realignment of the Hiawatha LRT Line in Bloomington. The proposed realignment involves relocating the 80th Street and Mall of American (MOA) Stations, and relocating and increasing the size of the park-n-ride being constructed in Bloomington. The proposal, if constructed, would provide a more direct link to the MOA and MOA transit station.

The MOA Station is planned to be located in the southeast quadrant of 82nd Street and 24th Avenue (See Attachment 1). To reach the MOA from the LRT station, a pedestrian would cross 24th Avenue via skyway and walk through the MOA parking ramp to reach the mall entrance. A similar route would be traveled to reach the MOA transit station and transfer to or from a

connecting bus route. The alignment being considered would bring LRT into the ground level of the MOA parking ramp, adjacent to the existing transit station, providing significant connection improvements for passengers.

The alternate alignment also includes relocation of the 80th Street Station to the northeast quadrant of 82nd Street and 28th Avenue, where a larger park-n-ride facility would be constructed. The most recent drawings of the proposed re-alignment are attached.

Ed Hunter, Director of the Hiawatha Project Office, will present the following information to your Committee:

1. Details of the proposed realignment.
2. Summary of necessary approvals and proposed approval schedule.
3. Estimated cost and proposed funding sources (no additional City funding is being requested).

Because the proposed alignment change is located outside of the City of Minneapolis, formal approval from the City is not required. The change will be presented to the Hiawatha Corridor Management Committee for consideration.

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